

those who stood against the American way on that dreadful day, and those who failed in their duty to protect and preserve this sacred democracy.

May this body return to our critical work unafraid of the challenges that lie before us, grounded in the principles of truth, respect, and justice that our role requires. I love our country, and I vow to safeguard our Republic so long as I have the privilege of holding this office.

I wish to thank the brave Capitol Police officers and other law enforcement on the scene who put themselves in harm's way to protect Members of Congress, congressional staff, and members of the Capitol Hill press corps. I also want to extend my profound condolences to the families of those that we lost amid the chaos. We will not be deterred in our mission to deliver for the American people.

HONORING JUDGE STEVEN R.
SANDERS

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 15, 2021

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Presiding Judge Steven R. Sanders for his legal career spanning 37 years as well as his nearly 34 years in public service. His professional accomplishments and leadership in the community of San Benito County have greatly improved the lives of those living on the central coast of California, and I congratulate him on his retirement.

Judge Sanders is a Salinas native and has always felt he had an affinity for advocacy. This affinity would motivate Judge Sanders to put himself through college, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications at the University of California, Davis. After graduation, he attended the University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law while working as a clerk at a Sacramento law firm. Judge Sanders said that the law was a natural direction for him to take.

Upon returning to the Central Coast, Judge Sanders became a member of the San Benito County Counsel from 1987 to 2000, including six months as County Administrative Officer. He later became a Superior Court Judge from 2001 to 2021, which included 10 years as Presiding Judge. During his 20 years on the bench, Judge Sanders integrated a consolidated jury trial schedule to improve efficiency, founded a drug calendar for DEJP and Prop 36, created a library literacy program for the children of felony probationers to reduce recidivism, served as the Juvenile Dependency Court Judge for 14 years, and was a Professor of Law at Monterey College of Law for over 10 years where he taught Civil Procedure. Further, he established in-chambers discussion to manage increasing caseload, designed vertically integrated calendars, and formed collaborative courts including Drug Court, Behavioral Health Court, and Parental Responsibility and Truancy Court. In addition, Judge Sanders presided over the approval and construction of a new courthouse and the Veteran's Diversion and Mental Health Diversion calendars.

Judge Sanders recently stated, "I am proud of the fact that the Superior Court has contin-

ued to increase the public's access to justice, while maintaining the highest standards of fairness and impartiality to all. I am honored to have served all the people of San Benito County." We, on the Central Coast, are grateful for Judge Sanders' dedication to justice and his service to San Benito County. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the House join me in honoring and congratulating Presiding Judge Steven R. Sanders on his retirement.

IMPEACHING DONALD JOHN
TRUMP, PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES, FOR HIGH
CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS

SPEECH OF

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, as an elected Member of Congress, I take the same oath as the President of the United States: "I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic." I believe President Donald Trump violated that oath of office on and before January 6, 2021. So, it is with heavy heart that I vote, for the second time, to impeach.

This decision was not done rashly. I have listened to my constituents, who overwhelmingly support impeachment, and consulted with Republicans, Independents and Democrats. It is my firm resolve that in America no person is above the law. We must hold the President accountable for his actions. The President violated his oath of office when he worked to invalidate the votes of American citizens with false and unproven accusations of voter fraud over the last three months. He took it further by inciting a violent mob to attack the Capitol on January 6, 2021. In a well-documented public address, he urged his supporters to march on the Capitol and to do everything they could to stop "a fraudulent election" that the Congress was voting to certify, as we are required to do under the constitution. The result was an attack on our Nation's Capitol, our symbol of democracy here in the United States and around the world. This group of thugs, took over the Senate chamber, desecrated the Speaker's office, paraded the Confederate battle flag in the rotunda and killed a Capitol Police officer.

The President has blood on his hands.

We cannot let his action go unchecked. If we do not act, we send the message that our oath does not matter, and we will erode the very principles this great country was founded on.

It didn't have to be this way. The President could have adhered to the norms that all his predecessors followed by acknowledging that he lost the election fair and square. A transfer of power from a defeated incumbent to a victor of a different party has happened throughout our history starting with John Adams conceding to Thomas Jefferson. As his predecessors did, the President could have committed to a peaceful transfer of power. He could have avoided putting our country through this traumatic and frightful confrontation by speaking the truth.

No person is above the law. President Donald Trump lied to the American people and

then urged a violent group of traitors to overthrow our legislative branch of government and overturn an election. For these reasons I sadly voted to impeach the President of the United States.

HONORING DIANA BISHOP

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 15, 2021

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Diana Bishop as she retires from a distinguished career in law enforcement spanning more than three decades and culminating in her role as Chief of the San Rafael Police Department.

Chief Bishop grew up in Los Altos, CA. She earned a bachelor's degree in public administration from the University of San Francisco followed by an executive master's degree in public administration from Golden Gate University. She went on to graduate from the 219th Session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy. Her career in law enforcement began with the Santa Clara Police Department where she served for 26 years and rose to the rank of Captain. She was selected to serve as Chief of the San Rafael Police Department on January 4, 2012. Notably, she was the first woman to lead the organization since its creation in 1915.

Chief Bishop developed a reputation for her hands-on approach to leadership, accessibility to the local community, and penchant for innovation. Under her leadership, the Department adopted numerous reforms and initiatives including being the first agency in Marin County to implement body-worn cameras across its entire force. She launched a unique Spanish-language citizens academy to increase transparency and foster community relations. Chief Bishop also strengthened the Department's focus on social services by hiring a Mental Health Outreach Provider to support those suffering from behavioral issues, substance abuse, or experiencing homelessness, among others.

Diversity and racial equality were key priorities for Chief Bishop. She joined the community in voicing strong support for efforts to combat racial injustice, and her mentorship increased diversity among the Department's ranks. Chief Bishop's emphasis on de-escalation and implicit bias training helped ensure the Department delivered a higher standard of service.

Through good times and difficult moments, Chief Bishop never wavered from her core mission of serving San Rafael residents, and the City is better because of her dedication to its people and places. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in honoring Chief Bishop for her many years of selfless service to San Rafael and extending to her best wishes on her next endeavors.